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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND  
RESPONSE/AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action mailed on September 15, 2009, in the above-captioned patent application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and including February 15, 2010. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0206 the amount of \$490.00 for the two-month extension of time fee. In the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed September 15, 2009, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendments/remarks. Applicants are submitting a Request for Continued Examination with this response.

- **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.
- **Remarks** begin on page 7.